

of California Cities and as a member of the board of governors of the San Joaquin County Bar Association. Gus has also lectured at the Delta Community College in Stockton and in the "Bridging the Gap" program. Last but not least, he has been a proud member of the San Rafael Elks Club since 2006.

In his well deserved retirement, Gus is looking forward to spending more time with his wife of 25 years, their now 24-year-old twin daughters Kate and Lindsey and their stepson Chris. He will finally have more time to lose himself in his passion for California history, hiking, travel, photography, reading and swimming.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representative to rise with me to honor Clark E. Guinan, a man with a brilliant legal mind and a big heart who has protected the rights and safety of the residents of Burlingame and other Bay Area communities.

RECOGNIZING ANN THOMPSON AS
THE 2014 SANTA ROSA COUNTY,
FLORIDA TEACHER OF THE
YEAR

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Ann Thompson as the 2014 Santa Rosa County, Florida Teacher of the Year. Ms. Thompson has been an inspiration to her students, her colleagues, and her community, and I am honored to recognize her success and her many achievements.

The best teachers are those who not only educate, but those who strive every day to actively engage their pupils. Ms. Thompson embodies this spirit—she is an educator, a mentor, and a role model to those she serves. As a founding parent of West Navarre Intermediate, Ms. Thompson has played an integral role with the school for more than 14 years, the last 7 of which as an educator.

Throughout her career, Ms. Thompson has served in various capacities. Before joining West Navarre Intermediate, Ms. Thompson had a successful medical career for 25 years. However, she recognized that her true calling was teaching. With the goal of ensuring all children leave school reading at least on grade level in mind, Ms. Thompson earned the required teaching certification from the University of West Florida. Wanting to work in the very school that she helped build, Ms. Thompson has seen her dreams come true as a third grade teacher at West Navarre Intermediate.

The perspectives she gained from raising three children and serving in the medical field give her a unique experience base to better enrich her students education. Ms. Thompson's instructional techniques are calculated, research-based, and focused on the needs of the individual student by using exhaustive data analysis as well as daily observation. In doing this, Ms. Thompson recognizes the reality that each student is different, and she tailors her instruction to her pupils resulting in enhanced academic achievement.

Ms. Thompson's greatness extends well beyond her title as Teacher of the Year—it lies in the hearts and minds of the students who have been deeply affected. and I am proud to

recognize the accomplishments that place her among the best of Northwest Florida.

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate Ms. Ann Thompson as Teacher of the Year and thank her for her exemplary service in the Santa Rosa County School District. My wife Vicki joins me in congratulating Mrs. Thompson, and we wish her all the best for continued success.

ALLEGANY COUNTY ADMINIS-
TRATOR RETIRES AFTER 21
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 21 years of dedicated service that John E. Margeson provided to Allegany County as County Administrator. Mr. Margeson began serving the Allegany County government over thirty years ago in 1977 as a probation officer. In 1982, he was appointed to be the administrative assistant to the chairman of the board and held that position until 1992 when he was appointed the county's first administrator. Mr. Margeson recently announced his retirement as Allegany County Administrator to be effective at the end of March 2013.

As the first county administrator in Allegany County, he spent over two decades making changes and updates as new federal and state mandates emerged. As a result of these mandates, the role of the Allegany County government has grown and reacted to the issues at hand. Mr. Margeson also helped oversee some of the largest capital projects in the county's history, including a new jail and a court annex. Making it a priority to attend every committee and full board meeting, Mr. Margeson provides extensive and invaluable knowledge to the board members.

Following his many years of dutiful work, Mr. Margeson looks forward to spending his retirement with his wife, two kids and his grandchildren. He also intends on playing many rounds of golf and his favorite card games in his hometown of Scio, New York.

I wish Mr. Margeson the very best in retirement and thank him for his public service.

HONORING ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA
SORORITY

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, each year we celebrate March as Women's History Month, and I wanted to take this opportunity to honor the women of the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority for their decades of service and commitment to empowering their communities.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated was founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908. AKA is the oldest Greek organization established by African American college-educated women. From its humble beginnings, AKA has grown to 260,000 members with chapters in the U.S.,

the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Caribbean, Canada, Japan, Germany, Korea, and on the continent of Africa.

AKA membership is comprised of distinguished women who have excelled academically, and utilized the organization to promote our mission of "Service to All Mankind." Through AKA's human rights outreach, the organization works to raise awareness of human trafficking and domestic violence. The sorority also works to promote social justice through voter empowerment, civic engagement, and expanding access to education in minority communities. Through the organization's global poverty initiatives, AKA has focused its efforts to end hunger throughout the world, and to promote sustainability and independence through women-owned businesses and sustainable agriculture practices.

Mr. Speaker, I am a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, and I am proud to highlight the many accomplishments of the organization. Throughout the years, AKA's outreach has expanded as it strives to promote high academic standards, mentorship, global health services, and the advancement of human and civil rights.

CONGRATULATIONS MONTANA
SPECIAL OLYMPIANS

HON. STEVE DAINES

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 4, 2013

Mr. DAINES. Mr. Speaker, two Montana athletes recently competed in the Special Olympics 2013 World Winter Games in South Korea, and I want to recognize them for their efforts.

Dan Hazen of Great Falls and Kathy Rose of Kalispell made Montana proud when they were chosen to represent our state on a national stage. Of the 2,300 other athletes from 110 countries in PyeongChang, South Korea, they were the only two from Montana.

But it's been a long journey, filled with hard work and perseverance.

Their tireless dedication to their sport paid off when they placed first in their events at the 2012 Special Olympics Montana State Winter Games at Whitefish Mountain Resort. Then, they were chosen from a field of other gold medal athletes as Montana's representatives to the Games.

Hazen competed in the slalom, giant slalom and super G, alpine skiing events.

And Rose competed in the 100-meter, 200-meter and 4 x 100-meter relay snowshoe races.

These events require a lot of work and a lot of commitment—and I'm happy that their efforts were rewarded when they were chosen to compete in South Korea.

These athletes are true examples of what makes Montana great—their positive attitudes and tireless dedication exemplifies the characteristics that we value in our state.

Thank you for your hard work, thank you for making Montana proud, and congratulations.